

Remarks

Claim 1 remain pending in the application. Claims 2 through 30 have been cancelled.

Claim 1 is amended to require additional components of a cardiopulmonary bypass circuit, including a blood pump, in addition to the impeller driven gas filter, to more clearly distinguish the claimed invention from the cited art. The claim is distinct from Stringer, U.S. Pub. 2002/0110485, in that it requires a pump distinct from the gas filter, which is directly contrary to the teaching of Stringer.

Conclusion

This response has addressed all of the Examiner's grounds for rejection. The rejections based on prior art have been traversed. Reconsideration of the rejections and allowance of the claims is requested.

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